

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

5           1. A waste container for receiving thrown up stomach contents from a patient, said container comprising:

10           an elongated moisture proof bag having an open end, an inner surface and an outer surface, wherein the area bounded by said bag open end and said bag inner surface defines an inner portion of said elongated moisture proof bag;

15           a rigid ring integrally connecting said bag open end; and

15           at least one anti-microbial agent located in said inner portion of said elongated moisture proof bag.

20           2. A waste container as in claim 1, wherein said anti-microbial agent is an anti-microbial brick located at the bottom of said bag inner portion.

25           3. A waste container as in claim 1, wherein said anti-microbial agent is an anti-microbial powder located at the bottom of said bag inner portion.

30           4. A waste container as in claim 1, wherein said anti-microbial agent is a topical anti-microbial coating integral with said bag inner surface.

30           5. A waste container as in claim 1, wherein said elongated moisture proof bag comprises a synthetic resin film.

6. A waste container as in claim 5, wherein  
said film comprises polyethylene.

5           7. A waste container as in claim 5, wherein  
said anti-microbial agent is a component of said  
resin of said elongated moisture proof bag.

10          8. A waste container as in claim 1 further  
comprising elongated neck straps having a bag  
connecting end connected to said rigid ring and  
having a neck connecting portion.

15          9. A waste container as in claim 8, wherein  
said elongated neck strap includes a fabricated  
stress riser formed therein between said bag  
connecting end and said neck connecting portion,  
whereby said neck strap is caused to break along said  
stress riser through the application of a threshold  
20 force.

10. A waste container as in claim 8,  
wherein said neck strap comprises a synthetic resin  
film.

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11. A waste container as in claim 10,  
wherein said film comprises polyethylene.

30          12. A waste container as in claim 9,  
wherein said fabricated stress riser is one of a  
scored line, a partial cut through, and a perforated  
line.

13. A method for collecting thrown up stomach contents comprising the steps of:

    integrally connecting an elongated moisture proof bag open end to a rigid ring; and

5              inserting a anti-microbial agent into the open end of the elongated moisture proof bag.